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CITY's ARTICLES,

BEING now the general Talk of the Town upon the Report that the *Treasury* intended to be establish'd, is against an Act of Parliament made in the Sixth Year of Queen *Anne*, that no Company of above Six in Number can give out Bills or Notes for Money borrowed, but the Bank of *England*;

This false Rumour, with a Paragraph printed in the *Daily Courant*, *Novemb.* 21. without any Name or by what Order 'twas writ, is fully answered in the Paper of Articles, where there are no "sly and insinuating Words used to "amuse the World, or to draw in Persons to "Subscribe, under a Supposition that the City "of *London* is the City thereby meant to be inte-"rested or concerned in making or framing the "said Articles; as are the Expressions *verbatim* in the *Daily Courant*.

From such secret Stabs of mad Revenge and Malice dress up in the Disguise of Authority, Good God deliver us out of the Power of this sort of Enemies, that pass unknown without Impunity.

It is certain that no Body of Men in Power or Trust in the Government, or in any City or Corporation, can be so divested of Honour or Reason as to quarrel with the Title of a Sheet of Paper, where the Interest of the whole Body Politick is engag'd. As to the Paragraph in the *Daily Courant*, it must be a Sham to impose upon the Publick; for there is not so much as *London*, nor any Person or Persons in Authority named or hinted at in the said Articles. The Reason of giving the Paper that Title was, because the Undertaking relates to all the Trading Cities throughout *Great Britain*; and there the said Articles are sent to be publish'd as well as in *London*.

To prove this Fact, the Reader is referr'd to the Articles that are to be had *gratis* at St. *Paul*'s Coffee-house in St. *Paul*'s *Church-Yard*, where Books are now opened for all Persons to Subscribe, upon Condition to pay no Money till a Sum sufficient is rais'd to open the Treasury, and the General Committee is chose, and such Men as are universally known and approv'd of by the Rich and Trading part of the People within the two Cities.

The Act of Parliament made in the Sixth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, for securing the Credit of the Bank of *England*, is to be read *Gratis* at the Time of Subscribing, to shew that the Treasury does not interfere with the Bank, unless it be in serving of the Publick in a quite different Way and Manner.

As to any other Acts of Parliament relating to the Bank of *England*, or any other Corporation or Body Politick; the Treasury will never come within the Limits of any of those Acts, as will fully appear by the 18th Article, where it is expressly said, "That as it is impossible for the "Author at first to think of every thing that is "necessary to be acted or done by the Company, "it shall ever be in the Power of the General "Committee to leave out, amend, or add any "Article, or to make any By-Law.

Now can it be suppos'd, that the General Committee will act against the known Laws and Rules of the Realm? Matters may be so order'd, that Ten Millions of Money may be borrow'd and lent out, without infringing upon any Act of Parliament; and the Author has even a certain Assurance (for what Service he has done for this Government) to obtain an Act of Parliament for establishing the Treasury, tho' at present so much obstructed by some Men, whose Interest is quite the Reverse of the Nation's Advantage.